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BEHEMOTH:

● LOCH NESS: THE STERN (9.JULY), ON ITS SATIRE PAGE, MENTIONS THE MONSTER. THE "JOURNAL DER FRAU", NR. 13/1987, JULY, HAS A REPORT ABOUT A FEMALE NESSIE RESERCHER (I DO NOT HAVE THE REPORT). THE CHILDREN PAGE IN THE GONG (30/1987, 25. JULY, P.105) HAS A REPORT ABOUT NESSIE, WITH THE GESCHIEDT PICTURE (CF. BILK 11 & 12). THE TIMES, 5? AUG, P.3, HAS A STORY ABOUT A SALMON FARM AT THE LOCH. THE OBSERVER, 26. JULY, P.2, A STORY WITH PHOTO ON THE SIX KELLAS ALIEN BIG CATS SHOT NEAR THE LOCH.

● ARGENTINIA: THE ARGENTINISCHES TAGEBLATT, THE GERMAN LANGUAGE ARGENTINIAN NEWSPAPER, ON JUNE 27, 1987, P.22, HAS AN ARTICLE BY RODOLFO OSTERMANN ABOUT LEGENDARY CREATURES OF THE PROVINCES CORRIENTES AND MISIONES. HE LISTS THE LOBISÓN, THE ARGENTINIAN WEREWOLF; THE YASI-YATERÉ, A BEARDED GOBLIN; THE POMBERO, A SORT OF WILD MAN (BUT NO ABSM) THE YAGUARETÉ-ABÁ, A WERETIGER; THE BLACKS FROM THE WATER (SEE ISIS) AND THE TEYÚ-YAGUÉ. THIS IS A "GIANT LIZARD WITH A DOG-LIKE HEAD. THE ANIMAL SINKS BOATS AND SMALL SHIPS AND SO KILLS THE PEOPLE IN THEM. IT HAS A LOUD ROARING VOICE AND SOME SAY IT HAS SEVEN HEADS LIKE A DOG. IT CAN ONLY BE INTIMIDATED BY HUMAN SACRIFICES, LIVES IN DEEP WATER,

AND HYPNOTISES PEOPLE AND IS INVINCIBLE." IS THIS ANOTHER MYTHOLOGICAL BEAST SYMBOLISING THE DANGER OF SHIPPING, OR AN UNIDENTIFIED CROC?

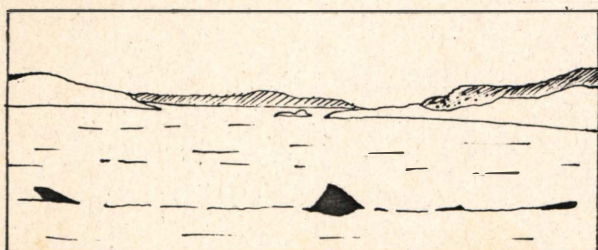
● DINOSAURS: KATE WYKES FROM DEVON PLANNED TO VISIT VENEZUELA IN 1986 TO SEARCH FOR DINOS THERE (PURSUIT 74, P.91) - SEE ALSO BILKS 8 & 9. JIM CULBERSON HAS RETURNED FROM AN EXPEDITION TO LAKE TELE/CONGO: NEXT TRIP IS DUE IN 1988 (PURSUIT, 77, P.44).

● BOOKS: FORTEAN TOMES ANNOUNCES THE PUBLICATION OF M MEURGER'S: LAKE MONSTER TRADITIONS, A REVISED ENGLISH EDITION OF HIS FRENCH WORK ON QUEBEC'S LAKES. IT WILL BE WORTH ITS MONEY. ORDER FROM: FORTEAN TOMES, 1 SHOEBOURY ROAD, LONDON E6 2 AQ, UK. PRIZE IS £ 10.95. AND JJ BARLOY HAS INFORMED ME THAT HIS SURVIVANTS DE L'OMBRE HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN AN ITALIAN EDITION (LUCARINI, ROME).

ISIS:

● ARGENTINIA: THE BLACKS FROM THE WATER ARE BALD NEGROES WITH WEBBED FINGERS. THEY DWELL IN RIVERS AND LAGOONS, AND COME IN GROUPS TO OVERTHROW BOATS AND DROWN LITTLE CHILDREN. THEY CAN BE FOUND AT THE SHORES OF THE IVERÁ MARSHES. IS THIS A MERMAID MYTH, A GENUINE TRADITION, OR A SICK RACIST JOKE? (SOURCE: ARGENT. TAGBL.) A SIMILAR CREATURE FROM INDIAN TRADITION IN NORTH AMERICA, SEE INFO JOURNAL 52, P.8 & 9.

LEVIATHAN:



● NORWAY: THERE IS AN ALLEGED NESSIE PHOTO THAT SURFACES FROM TIME TO TIME IN GERMAN MAGAZINES AND BOOKS: FROM IT IT IS CLEAR THAT A) IT WAS NOT TAKEN AT L. NESS, AND B) IT SHOWS A BASKING SHARK. THIS PHOTO IS ALSO REPRODUCED IN THE GONG ARTICLE AND THE ACCOMPANYING TEXT STATES IT WAS TAKEN IN 1972, OFF THE COAST OF NORWAY.

● MASSACHUSETTS: LOREN COLEMAN SENT ME AN ARTICLE FROM THE VINEYARD GAZETTE, AUGUST 1986, ABOUT THEIR LOCAL SEA SERPENT. IT'S ONE OF THE TONGUE-IN-CHEEK FEATURES YOU FIND SO OFTEN IN THE AMERICAN PRESS. IT SAYS THAT LOCAL FOLKLORE REPORTED A SEASERPENT THAT ALWAYS APPEARED OFF GAY HEAD. "THOSE WHO HAVE SEEN THE MONSTER OVER THE YEARS DESCRIBE IT AS BEING ABOUT 60 FT LONG...AND HAVING A HEAD LIKE A COW OR HORSE". IT WAS FIRST REPORTED IN 1700 AND LAST SEEN BY TWO FISHERMEN IN 1930.

● MAINE: LOREN COLEMAN HAS ALSO SENT ME A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ABOUT THE CASCO BAY SEASERPENT. (PORTLAND, MAINE, EVENING EXPRESS, 26 MAY 1987, P.1) THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGHTINGS RECENTLY AND COLEMAN TRIES TO ATTRACK SOME ATTENTION FOR THE LOCAL BEASTIE. THE ARTICLE IS IN THE

TYPICAL TONGUE-IN-CHEEK STYLE. I HAVE MY RESERVATIONS ABOUT PROMOTING LOCAL MONSTERS. LAKE CHAMPLAIN AND LOCH NESS ARE FINE EXAMPLES FOR OVER-PUBLISHED MONSTERS, WHAT HAPPENS THERE TODAY IS OF GREATER INTEREST FOR SOCIOLOGISTS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS THAN BIOLOGISTS. LET US HOPE COLEMAN HAS SUCCESS IN SENSIBLY PROMOTING "CASSIE" - AMERICA IS ALREADY FULL OF MONSTERS THAT SEEM TO BE NOTHING MORE THAN VERY RECENT FOLKLORE.

KRAKEN:

● ENGLAND: A PLAGUE OF "HUGE JELLYFISH - SIX FEET WIDE AND WEIGHING 50 LB OR MORE" ON THE SOUTH COAST OF ENGLAND, BUT THESE RHIZOSTOMA-JELLYFISH ARE NO DANGER FOR BATHERS. (DAILY POST, 13. JULY 1987; CREDIT: J & C BORD). A SIMILAR INVASION OF SMALL, BUT POISONOUS JELLYFISH IN JULY AND AUGUST IN CHINA, AT BEIDAIHE. (RHEINPFALZ, 8.8.87)

USOS:

● SWEDEN: EARLY IN JULY, SWEDISH MILITARY AGAIN SEARCHED FOR SOVIET SUBS IN THE BOTTNIC BAY, AT THE FINNISH BORDER. BOMBS, SONAR, ETC. - AND (SURPRISE!) NO RESULTS. (RHEINPFALZ, 3. JULY, P.2) AS IF NOBODY ALREADY KNEW, IN THE MIDDLE OF JULY TERO HARKONEN, SWEDISH ZOOLOGIST AND EXPERT FOR SEALS, TOLD A SWEDISH PAPER WHAT THE NAVY HAD ACTUALLY HUNTED WERE SEALS: IN THE SUMMER MONTHS, SEALS ASSEMBLE IN THE REGION, AND THE DISTURBANCE OF WATER THEY CREATE RESEMBLES A SUB ON SONAR! SO THE SWEDISH NAVY KILLED A NUMBER OF YOUNG SEALS HUNTING THE BAD GUYS! (RHEINPFALZ, 18. JULY, P.2; SÜDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG, 18. JULY, P.12D). BUT THE DRAMA IS NOT YET OVER: EARLY IN AUGUST, AFTER 4 WEEKS OF INTENSE SEARCH, THE SWEDISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES SAID THEY WERE SCALING DOWN THE HUNT. THE QUEST ITSELF "HAD BEEN A TOURIST ATTRACTION FOR THE TOWN OF TORE", SAYS MY SOURCE, THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, 4. AUG, P. 3G. FEW DAYS LATER, THE NAVY DROPPED 4 WATER BOMBS ONTO AN IMAGINARY SUB AT THE FINNISH BORDER (SAARBRÜCKER ZEITUNG, 8. AUG, P.2).

● UK: PURSUIT 77, P.44, DESCRIBES A UFO OVER SOUTH DEVON, END OF FEBRUARY 1987. THIS WAS THE SAME TIME THAT MORGAWR WAS SEEN OFF NORTH CORNWALL. ANY CONNECTION?

WHALES:

SINCE JANUARY 87, 42 DEAD DOLPHINS HAVE BEEN STRANDED OFF THE SOUTH ADRIATIC COAST (RHEINPFALZ, 20. JUNE), THERE ALSO HAVE BEEN MORE THAN 500 DEAD TURTLES (INT. HERALD TRIBUNE, 20. JULY, P.3F) - A 7M SPERM WHALE DEAD OFF MESSINA, SICILY. TWO DEAD SPERM WHALES DISCOVERED THERE IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK (RHEINPFALZ, 4. JULY). - A RARE DOLPHIN SPECIES, DALL'S PORPOISE, STRANDED AND BROUGHT TO MARINE WORLD, CAL. THE ANIMALS IS ONLY A FEW DAYS OLD. (SAUDI GAZETTE, 27. JULY, P.4D). - THE YUGOSLAV TOWN OF KOTOR HAS PROTECTED BY LAW A FRIENDLY DOLPHIN NICK-NAMES JOCA (BADISCHE NEUESTE NACHRICHTEN, 4. AUG, P.6D) - MASS DEATH OF DOLPHINS (ABOUT 100) OFF NEW JERSEY: RHEINPFALZ, 4. AUG; SÜDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG, 4. AUG, P.36A) - PREHISTORIC WHALE, 1.5 TONS, 30 FT, DISCOVERED AT SEYMOUR ID., ANTARCTIC (THE TIMES, 22. APRIL, P.3AB) - ANOTHER PREHISTORIC WHALE, 7M, AT KEVELAER (SÜDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG, 6? AUG, P.36)

WATER LIFE:

● ATTACK: TWO BOYS BATTLED WITH A CROC FOR 30 MIN IN THE TANA RIVER IN KENYA (SAUDI GAZETTE, 11. JULY, P.4E) - SAUDI GAZETTE, 30. JULY, P.4B: FIGHT BETWEEN CATFISH AND EAGLE, USSR. ● PICTURE OF PLESIOSAUR FOSSIL, 3M, DISCOVERED IN STH. AUSTRALIA (SÜDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG, 3. AUG, P.9DE). ● A SEAL IN THE RIVER RHINE, OBSERVED AT LUDWIGSHAFEN, WÖRTH, AND ELCHESHEIM. NO IDEA WHERE IT CAME FROM, NO IDEA WHERE IT WENT TO. RHEINPFALZ, 31. JULY, 1 & 3. AUG; BADISCHE NEUESTE NACHRICHTEN, 4. AUG, P.4AB.

MISSING SHIPPING:

MEXICAN CONTAINER FREIGHTER LOST WITHOUT TRACE ON FEB 24 EAST OF BERMUDA DURING STORM (RHEINPFALZ, 10. MARCH). OFF TOULON, FRANCE, IN MARCH, THE GERMAN YACHT "RHEA" WAS DISCOVERED WITHOUT A SOUL ON BOARD (RHEINPFALZ, 19. MARCH). A DANISH TRAWLER WITH A CREW OF 12 LOST WITHOUT TRACE IN A STORM IN THE NORTH SEA (RHEINPFALZ, 3. MARCH). A MAN DISAPPEARED FROM THE QE 2, IN THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE (ARAB NEWS, 6. JULY, P.4C; SAUDI GAZETTE, 6. JULY, P.5H). TREASURE OF TITANIC: SAUDI GAZETTE, 30. JULY, P.4CDEF.

NEXT BILK IN NOVEMBER. HAVE A NICE SUMMER. HAVE MERCY FOR MY OLD TYPEWRITER.